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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before examining this application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following before the first line of the specification:

--This application claims the benefit of priority of United Kingdom Application No. 0215023.3, filed June 28, 2002.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice, and add new claims 7-16 as follows:

7. A wound dressing comprising an anionic, amphoteric or hydrophilic polymer, and an effective amount of silver, which dressing, when applied to a wound site, gives a controlled release of ionic silver into the wound fluid for the prevention of staining of the underlying tissue.
  
8. A wound dressing comprising an anionic, amphoteric or hydrophilic polymer, and an effective amount of silver, which dressing, when in contact with wound exudate, gives a